

WEATHER—Fair to-night; Wednesday unsettled.

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MET ACTRESS ON BUSINESS SAYS BRADY

"Terribly Violent," Testifies Housemaid in Suit for Divorce.

BOTH TALKED LOUDLY. MUSTARD BATH FATAL.

Witness Says Brother of Actress Helped Defendant Pack His Trunks.

(Special to The Evening World.) ELIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 21.—The jury in the Hart scalding case returned this afternoon a verdict of guilty as indicated, with an earnest recommendation for clemency of the court. The indictment charged Matron Hart with manslaughter in causing the death by neglect after bathing her of Elsie Ernst, a four-year-old inmate of the day nursery which Mrs. Hart was in charge. The defendant was not in court when the verdict was rendered. The maximum penalty is ten years in State prison.

Mary A. Hart, former matron of the Elizabeth Day Nursery, who is charged with scalding to death a child entrusted to the institution, went on the witness stand in her own defense to-day. Mrs. Hart was apparently unmoved as she gave her testimony. Throughout the cross-examination she preserved a stolidity and an indifference that sent a shudder through the entire court-room. Large and heavy of feature, she showed no emotion when the charges of inhumanity were made against her by other witnesses, and when she went on the stand she made a general denial of her alleged fatal cruelty.

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Miss MacKenzie, or rather Mrs. Hodges, for since the denunciations alleged to have taken place last August, she has wedded to a young Mr. Hodges, secretary of a trust company and a man of high social standing seemed to feel her unfortunate position keenly. Keeping her veil down and her face covered as much as possible.

There were many men and women of the stage among the spectators, including Dan McAvoy and a half-score chorus girls from the original "Wizard of Oz," and later as the Fairy Queen in "The Sleeping Beauty and the Beast."

Veil Hides Face of Actress.

Miss MacKenzie, becomingly dressed in a suit of dark blue, a soft skin gauze and a small dark violet hat sat in seclusion under the thermometer in the rear of the court-room when the charges of inhumanity were made against her by other witnesses, and when she went on the stand she made a general denial of her alleged fatal cruelty.

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Miss Catherine Schmidt, a member of the House Committee, told how she found Mrs. Hart drunk on the floor after the little child had been given its fatal bath. Even this testimony failed to cause a sign or emotion in the faces of the former matron.

When Mrs. Hart took the stand, she said:

"I took Elsie from her cot in the dormitory and carried her in my arms to the bathroom. She had on only a shirt, which I removed. I put my arms under her arms and placed her in the mustard bath. Then I took her by the legs and soused her. When I ceased sousing her in a towel, so that a sweating process would ensue, which is as good for a child as a bath. I afterward carried her back to her crib and tenderly wrapped her up in the bedclothes. Then I lay down on my bed as I was tired."

She testified that girl had been ill several days before the bath, and that bath had been given by instructions of Dr. Conover. She also contradicted the testimony of Nora Kelly and Nora Sullivan, two little girl inmates, that they were in the bath room when Elsie was in the room.

Mrs. Hart denied the testimony of Miss Schmidt. She said she was not drunk. She said that she had cared for thousands of children and on an average looked after 300 children a day and 200 at night.

Her second testimony was given by Little Purcell who said that she saw Mrs. Hart hold her hand over the child's mouth to silence it. Another witness said that she had beaten the child's head against the side of the tub and then forced its head under the water.

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During all this testimony the alleged no-fault defendant remained hidden behind a solid wall of spectators. She held her head down and kept her veil down.

George A. O'Neill, another private detective, who had been the head of the Detectives' Bureau last August and September, succeeded his co-laborer on the stand. They had worked together shadowing the defendant and Miss MacKenzie.

On Aug. 22, he said, he and Mr. Murphy and Miss MacKenzie left the house in a cab early in the evening. He had maintained vigil at the hotel entrance until 3:30 A. M. the next morning.

On Sept. 2, the detective had seen the defendant and Miss MacKenzie come out of the hotel at 1:30 P. M. the next morning, but they did not return.

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John Murphy, the hold-up man, is accused of having torn a \$500 diamond brooch from the gown of Mrs. John W. Corbin in front of No. 722 East, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street last Friday night and shot at Mr. Corbin and a policeman, declared to Inspector O'Brien to-day that he was the victim of a conspiracy. He accuses an enemy of writing an anonymous letter to Capt. Ward, of the Alexander Avenue station, accusing him of the crime and of planting six sticks of dynamite and an outfit of burglar's tools in his car bin, where they were found by the police last night.

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